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Mr. P. McGroder,

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Dear Pat,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter and returned "gift".

I feel for you and the apparent anguish of spirit and seeming anger which prompted your writing and the return of the plaque.

I honestly feel that you have judged me and the Moree community in the light of allegations made and charges that have been laid in regard to matters concerning which neither I nor the Bishop nor any members of the Moree community had any knowledge. In law they must remain "allegations" until the matter has been resolved in a court of law. I can assure you that if I had any information whatsoever regarding this boy in terms of these allegations I would have taken very strong and positive action in the matter. Both Father Gleeson and I made discreet inquiries and liased with the families known to have children involved in the matters that were brought to our notice. I commend you for the love, care and direction you seek to give your children but pray that a calmer reflection on the circumstances known to us in 1983 may enable you to judge both yourself and us in a kinder light.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. Ryan